

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace paragraph [0029] of U.S. patent publication No. 2004/0220130 (“the ‘130 patent publication” hereafter) with the paragraph as amended below:

FIGURES 12A-B are schematic diagrams depicting exemplary embodiments of the compact synthetic vector in which the type 2 Pol III promoter regulates production of the primary transcript, which may be either a complete siRNA or other functional RNA (panel A) or a partial siRNA hairpin (panel B). The sequence of the A box is given SEQ ID NO: 5; the sequence of the B box is given SEQ ID NO:6.

Please replace paragraph [0036] of the ‘130 patent publication with the paragraph as amended below:

FIGURE 19 is a schematic diagram depicting an exemplary embodiment of the compact synthetic vector in which a variant type 3 Pol III promoter regulates production of the primary transcript. The sequence of the 5’ ICR is given SEQ ID NO: 42; the sequence of ABLE is given SEQ ID NO:13.